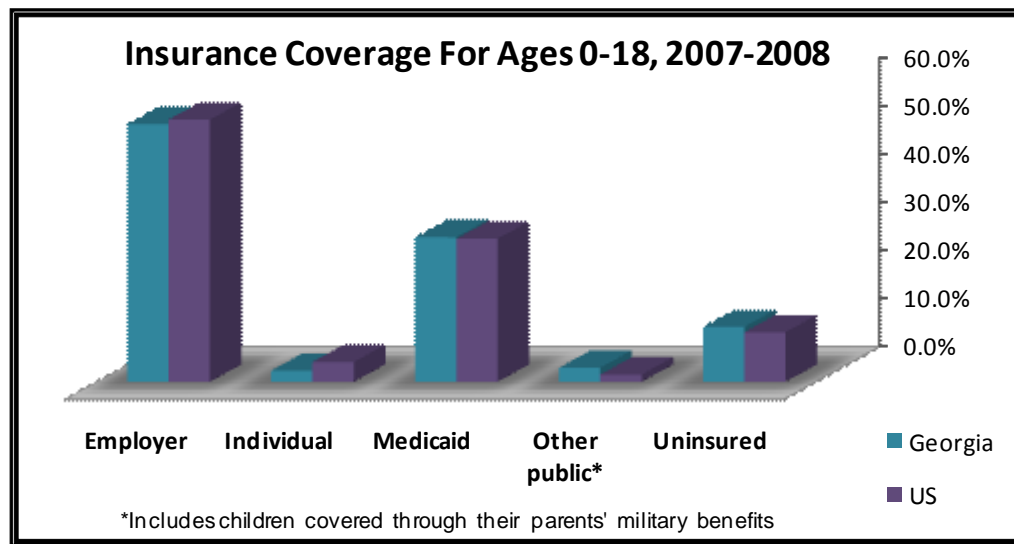




HEALTHY

- IMPROVE Health of Children

GOCF outcome indicator: insurance coverage
-for children ages 0-5, elementary, middle, high school students



Data Source: Georgia Children's Health Alliance Refocus Report, 2010.

In 2008, 43.9 million people in the United States did not have healthcare coverage, either through a private health insurance provider, Medicare, Medicaid, State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), state-sponsored or other government-sponsored health plan, or military plan. 6.6 million of those without insurance were under 18 years old. While this number has decreased over the past decade, insurance continues to be an essential component to the healthy development of infants and children. Access to health services and insurance are dependent on physical location and financial means. In Georgia, children can be enrolled in Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids programs in order to obtain necessary healthcare services. PeachCare can provide the following medical benefits: primary services; preventative services; specialists care; dental care; vision care; hospitalization; emergency room services; prescription medications; mental health care.

- Through PeachCare for Kids, nearly \$6 billion is spent to provide services to an average monthly enrollment of 1.5 million Georgians.
- Younger children are the most likely to be covered by health insurance. This is because they are eligible for Medicaid or PeachCare with higher income thresholds. As children age, the income limit drops, leaving fewer children eligible.
- As of November 2008, there were approximately 206,696 eligible children enrolled in PeachCare.
- In Georgia, comparable percentages of people are insured among all the races/ethnicities except Hispanic, who are much less likely to be insured.

Data sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2009. Georgia Department of Community Health, 2010. Annie E. Casey Foundation Kids Count Data Center, 2009. Georgia Health Policy Center, 2007.